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Appl. No. 10/792,008

Response to Office Action mailed December 21, 2006

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REMARKS

The non-final Office Action was issued on pending claims 1-4 and 6-16. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9 stand rejected, claims 2, 4, 7 and 10-12 were objected to, claims 13-16 are allowed. In this Response, claims 1 and 4 have been amended, claim 2 has been cancelled, and no claims have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-16 are pending in the application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Allowable Claims

In Office Action paragraph 6, claims 13-15 were allowed. In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, claims 2, 4, 7 and 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but noted as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the notice of allowed and allowable claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended to properly depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits all of the claims are allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §§ 102, 103

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dahlen (Des. 191,108). In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 3, 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahlen in view of Veltz et al. (US 6,470,522). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 2. Therefore, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 3, 6, 8 and 9 are allowable.

Thus, Applicant submits that the §102 and §103 rejections should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION


For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for allowance and requests a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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